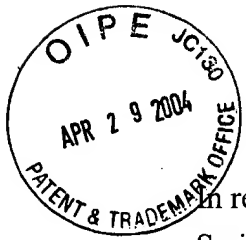


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In re Application of Klaus Schadhauer

) Group Art Unit: 2858

Serial No.: 09/961,315

) Examiner: John Teresinski

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For: Operating Device For Gas Discharge Lamps

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With Detection Of Filament Breakage

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice Of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification mailed April 23, 2004, for which a time period for response is set to expire one month or thirty days from said mailing date, please reconsider the above-entitled Application in view of the following amendment and remarks.